

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are all the claims pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 1-8 are allowed; claim 9 is rejected; and claims 10-16 are objected to.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, (first paragraph). According to the Examiner, the claim would fail to tell one of ordinary skill in the art what to do with the information obtained by means of the claimed equipment. Claims 10-16 have only been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 9 has been amended to substantially track allowable claim 1 such that the final clause of claim 9 recites that the magnitude of each of these parameters is indicative of the alcohol concentration by volume in the water/alcohol solution.

It is believed that claim 9 is now allowable. If it is not, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to discuss the same to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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